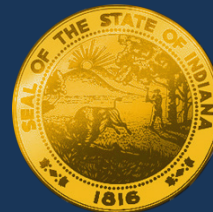


MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



Terry Curry, Prosecutor

March 2014

Upcoming free crime prevention events

Burglary Prevention

Thursday, March 20

7 p.m.

Cumberland Christian
Church

39 N. Starter St. 46229

Fraud Prevention

Thursday, March 27

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

George T. Goodwin
Community Center

3935 W. Mooresville Rd.
46221

St. Patrick's Day Safety

Be sure to use precautions
when celebrating this
upcoming St. Patrick's Day.
Use cab or car services or
arrange for a designated
driver.

The Annual St. Patrick's
Day Parade will be held on
Monday, March 17 at 11:30
a.m., downtown Indy.

A message from Prosecutor Terry Curry

Our Community Prosecution Division offers a number of free crime prevention programs to give you and your family the latest information so you can protect yourself in your home and community. To that end, I want to share with you some of the many opportunities to connect with our deputy prosecutors and district coordinators.

As we prepare for warmer weather by opening up our homes, so do thieves. Property crimes affect every zip code and can shatter the stability of a community. Deputy prosecutors will come to your neighborhood for a burglary prevention forum, sharing strategies and simple tips - like lighting solutions and how landscaping can deter crime - in an informative setting. Our office also recently released a schedule of seminars designed to help landlords prevent crime in rental properties. For owners and managers of one property or several, I strongly encourage participation in this engaging one-day seminar.

The Prosecutor's Office is dedicated to protecting our most vulnerable citizens, including seniors and children. The Power Against Fraud: Protecting Seniors from Fraud and Abuse presentation addresses healthcare and caregiver fraud, identity theft, home security, and telemarketing and Internet scams. Project CyberSafe for Kids is one of our most-requested initiatives, which has reached approximately 3,190 students to date this school year. Our deputy prosecutors visit schools nearly every week to educate young people about Internet safety and cyberbullying. We also have developed a companion program, Project CyberSafe for Parents, as an additional resource.

Our Community Prosecution Division is committed to being embedded in local neighborhoods. We welcome the opportunity to participate in community events, farmers' markets, neighborhood gatherings, and festivals. Please contact us at MCPO@Indy.gov to schedule a representative to join you at your next event.

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Marion County charges for suspect in four day 'reign of terror'

Prosecutor Curry announced last week that Michael Parrish has been charged with 35 counts ranging from Burglary (Class A Felony) to Rape (Class A Felony) for his alleged involvement in the Feb. 5 home invasion on LaSalle St. and a separate abduction and rape of two victims later that same day in Indianapolis.

Parrish is also currently charged in Hendricks County in connection with two additional incidents.



"The charges against Michael Parrish are the result of diligent and thorough investigative work by our police officers and deputy prosecutors," said Prosecutor Curry. "We also appreciate the partnership of Hendricks County Prosecutor Pat Baldwin and Hendricks County law enforcement in filing these charges. Our collaborative efforts demonstrate how committed we all are to investigating and prosecuting alleged crimes, regardless of where they occur."

Parrish is set for an initial hearing on the Marion County charges March 12.

Read more from the press release at indy.gov/mcpo/news

Quadruple homicide suspects charged

Four individuals have been charged in connection with the February 20 quadruple murder on S. Parker Ave on the city's southeast side. The defendants are believed to have conspired to rob Walter Burnell and during the course of that robbery Burnell, Jacob Rodemich, Kristy Sanchez, and Hayley Navarro were killed. Kenneth Rackemann, Anthony LaRussa, Valencia Williams, and Samantha Bradley now face Murder, Robbery, and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery charges.

Press release is available at indy.gov/mcpo/news

Twenty cases tried by juries in February



In the month of February, deputy prosecutors and staff conducted 20 jury trials resulting in an 83% conviction rate and two mistrials that we expect to be retried in the upcoming weeks. Two other defendants pleaded guilty at the onset of trial. Charges in these cases ranged from murder to domestic battery. Countless hours were spent preparing for successful prosecution not only by deputy prosecutors, but victim advocates who assisted nearly 400 victims, our law enforcement partners, witnesses, families and communities affected by these crimes.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Free crime prevention programs

*Offered by the
Marion County Prosecutor's
Community Prosecution Division*

Schedule a presentation at:
(317) 327-3522 or MCPO@indy.gov

Burglary and property crime prevention: Protecting your home and vehicle from crime.

Power Against Fraud presentation for seniors: Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

Project CyberSafe: Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

Choices Not Chances: Teaching youth the consequences of choices through scenarios involving gangs, bullying, and dating violence. Educators and parents can also access the presentation and scripts online at www.indy.gov/MCPO to use with classes or their family.

Gang education: Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

Other Services

Child Support Enforcement: For assistance in the establishment, enforcement and modification of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

Adult Protective Services Hotline: Report endangered adults to (877) 284-0063.

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